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Dear John:

I appreciate your letter of June 7, 1960 with its enclosure which I have read with care. Needless to say, we are giving most careful consideration to developments in Japan in relation to the President's visit and have received a wealth of reports on the situation as it is developing. To cancel the trip on American initiative would certainly mean a great victory for the Communists and anti-American forces in the Far East.

On the other hand, we appreciate that there are risks inherent in a situation as explosive as that in Japan today. Certainly all of the factors will be considered over the coming days.

Did you send a copy of this message to the Department of State? If not, I suggest you might do so, or if you prefer I could pass along to them a copy of what you have sent me.

Again, many thanks for bringing this to my attention.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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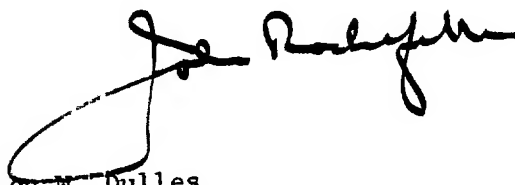
Dear Allen:

The attached cable has just come to me from Tokyo. It is signed by Yasaka Takagi, Professor Emeritus at Tokyo University, and Shigeharu Matsumoto, Executive Director of the International House of Japan.

Because of my respect for and confidence in the two men, I am forwarding a copy to you. Both men have pretty much devoted their lives in the last few years to fostering better understanding between Japan and the United States. They work closely together, not only in relation to the International House but in connection with all other matters relating to U.S.-Japanese friendship, where they feel that they can be constructive and helpful.

With warmest best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Rockefeller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

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GROWING POLITICAL AGITATION AND SOCIAL UNREST HERE SEEM

TO INDICATE IN TRUE INTEREST OF FRIENDLY US JAPAN

RELATIONS ADVISABILITY OF RECONSIDERING EISENHOWER VISIT

EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR STOP HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT

PRESIDENT NOT BE UNNECESSARILY INVOLVED IN JAPANESE

POLITICS PARTICULARLY

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NOT BE IDENTIFIED WITH SPECIFIC

ADMINISTRATION STOP SALVAGE EXTREMISTS STOP RECENT SURVEY

REVEALS 58-0/0 OF JAPANESE PUBLIC OPINION URGENTLY DESIRE

CHANGE OF CABINET STOP TENSION AND AGITATION LIKELY TO

CULMINATE AROUND JUNE 19 STOP ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR

PRESIDENTS SAFETY AS GOVERNMENT ASSURES IS NOT GOOD

ENOUGH TO INSURE SUCCESS OF

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PRESIDENTS MISSION STOP BUSINESS AND OTHER LEADERS ARE

OF ^{opinion} INTERNAL SITUATION SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY JAPANESE

STOP OPINIONS AND ACTIONS CRITICAL OF HIGHHANDED MEASURES

BY MAJORITY PARTY ESPECIALLY SINCE MAY 19 ARE RIGHTLY

PROMPTED TO SAVE REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN JAPAN AND

EXPRESS VIEWS OF MUCH LARGER SEGMENT OF INTELLIGENT

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JAPANESE AS DISTINGUISHED FROM ANTIPACT MOVEMENT

INITIATED BY [?] INCLINED TO SIDE WITH US IN PROPOSING

POSTPONEMENT OF PRESIDENTS VISIT ALLOWING COOLING OFF

PERIOD PREFERABLY OF TWO MONTHS STOP AT THIS END WE

ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT FOR POSSIBLE REARRANGEMENT STOP

PLEASE TRANSMIT WITH YOUR APPROVAL TO RUSK PARSONS

FULBRIGHT AND

ANY OTHERS YOU THINK APPROPRIATE STOP

YASAKA SHIGEHARU